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isei Navy Workers Hawaiian Defence

WASHINGTON. — Tribute to e loyalty and heroism of sec- d generation Japanese in Ha- i was paid by Secretary of vy Frank Knox in his written atement describing the surprise tack on Pearl Harbour.

Describing the air attack and e defensive action taken by the merican forces, Secretary Knox ote:

"Simultaneously throughout e navy yard examples of per- nal heroism developed. Sev- al workmen of Japanese ances- y deserted their benches to help e marine defense battalion man achine gun nests. Two of them, ith hands blistered from hot gun rrels, required emergency treat- ent."

★ Editorially Speaking

The responsibility . . . for our lfare in the present situation, ac- rding to the Vancouver Sun, de- nds very much upon our own at- ude. That may be true in part, t it is far from the whole truth. ere is undoubtedly an equal re- onsibility on the part of the Cana- n public to be fair to a minority oup placed in a very tight spot, rough no fault of their own. In cupied countries of Europe, for tance, we do not condemn the rest of the people, unjustly treat- by the Nazi oppressor.

The suggestion of the Sun that we are loyal to Canada, we should willing to work for her, reminds very much of the street pedlars, o rushed to Powell Street as soon war was declared, to sell Victory ttons, victory calendars, and ad- rtisements for patriotic papers.

Willing to work! There are hund- ds of capable young men and ung women who could contribute great deal to Canada's war effort, only given the chance. There me to mind immediately any num- r of well-trained University grads o would give their eye-teeth to doing some useful war-work ong the lines for which they have en trained.

We are not afraid of watching eyes, as long as the eyes are fair and unprejudiced.

Chemainus Co. Assures Workers Of Fair Treatment

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By S. E. Y.

CHEMAINUS. — Mr. J. A. Humbird, manager of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. Ltd., has assured the Japanese Canadian employees here that the policy of the company will be to keep them employed just as in normal times.

This statement was given to a committee including Messrs. G. Kawahara, T. Kawabe, H. Okade and S. E. Yoshida, all employees of the company.

Shortly after this same assuring statement was issued to a general meeting of all employees of the company.

Registration of enemy aliens for the Japanese community was completed here on December 14-15, last Sunday and Monday. Acting as interpreter for the Provincial Police was S. E. Yoshida.

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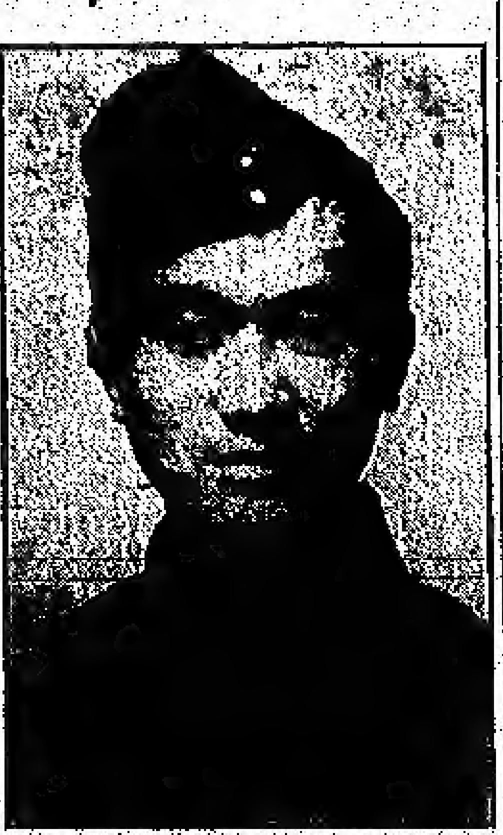
Community life is functioning here as in normal times, without any feeling directed against the Japanese residents. In some instances, in fact, the public attitude seems to have improved.

Corporal Nakamoto



"Corporal Jack Nakamoto" is the way the soldier above signs his name now. Notice has just been received that this Vancouver-born Nisei who worked his way East over three years ago and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Engineers in Quebec in the summer of 1940, has received his stripes and thus has become the first Japanese - Canadian non - commissioned officer in the regular army.

Alien Registration Correction

In the list of centres where Japanese aliens may report published Wednesday, the twelfth centre, B. C. Police at Kamloops, was mistakenly omitted.

No Need to Register Again

Ottawa Says Registration Compulsory

Widespread confusion has been reported over the interpretation of a news report from Ottawa that Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced Wednesday the passing of an order-in-council making it compulsory for all persons of Japanese race in Canada over the age of 16 to register.

This report has given many people the impression that in addition to aliens and those naturalized after 1922 having to report, all others must also register again. This impression, of course, is wholly mistaken.

The registration carried out by the R.C.M.P. during the past several months, in which all persons over 16 were issued identification cards, complete with photographs and fingerprints, was only a voluntary scheme. It was carried out as such on the recommendation of the inquiry committee which investigated the local situation in B. C. in 1940.

Although it was a voluntary plan, the authorities were well satisfied that very few residents failed to co-operate.

Now Compulsory

Under the new order-in-council announced by the Prime Minister, the registration has been changed from a voluntary act to one compulsory by law. Any person, therefore, Issei or Nisei, who failed to register, must do so or else be guilty of breaking the law.

In his statement the Prime Minister said that the loyalty of the great majority of Canada's 25,000 Japanese was unquestioned.

He warned, however, that any Japanese whom the government has any reason to suspect of "fifth column" activity will be treated like an enemy alien.

A.R.P. Precautions

Plan Local First Aid Post

VANCOUVER.—Air Raid Precautions organization for the district embracing the downtown Japanese section of the city is going ahead rapidly, according to Captain Francis M. Hann, chief warden for district 3. Present plans call ofr 300 wardens to provde patrols 24 hours of the day. Equipment is being slowly secured, and arrangements being made to provide adequate training for the wardens.

A first aid station at the Japanese Hall on Alexander Street, staffed by a Japanese doctor and two Nisei nurses, and to operate 24 hours in emergencies, is also planned.

The Seamen's Institute has also been named as a first aid post.

In the re-organization of the ARP set-up for this district, no Japanese wardens have been appointed. In the blackouts of last week, the area was patrolled by other wardens.

It is believed, however, that some steps may be taken to provide Nisei wardens, who would be able to give instructions without being hindered by the language handicap. Any such action, however, will have to come from the community itself.

District 3, from Main Street to Clarke Drive, and from the waterfront to Terminal Avenue, is of course one of the more vulnerable areas of the city, by reason of its proximity to the waterfront and semi-industrial nature.

It is divided into 6 zones, each with a chief warden and two deputies. Each zone is sub-divided into sections and each section into patrols. Three wardens will be required for each patrol, if men are required to be on duty 24 hours of the day.

Placards detailing instructions as to what to do in the event of air raids have been widely distributed in homes throughout the city by school children.

● Newsbriefs

"Sixth Columnists" Organise "Pacific Coast Security League"

VANCOUVER—The government's methods in dealing with Japanese enemy aliens and the Japanese minority in B.C. was criticized Wednesday night at a meeting in the Hastings Auditorium of 30 delegates to an organization described as the Pacific Coast Security League.

The chairman, Wilfred White, who was associated in 1940 with the organization of the now defunct British Canadian Allies Club to combat a German fifth column here, said the meeting was called at the instance of James Law and Alderman Halford Wilson.

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Education Dept. to Consider Policy for Japanese Pupils

VICTORIA.—Minister of Education, Hon. H. G. T. Perry, said yesterday that school inspectors had been asked to submit reports, describing the reaction of the public caused by the war, with respect to the attendance in different schools of Japanese children.

What changes in policy, if any, will be decided after the completion of the survey.

In replying to a protest received from a woman at Duncan against allowing Japanese children to attend school, Mr. Perry observed:

"While I can readily understand your feeling towards the Japanese, yet we must be careful not to be unfair, even to the children of our enemies."

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"Up to the Japanese Themselves," Says the Sun

VANCOUVER.—In an editorial Wednesday, the Vancouver Sun urged that "early and careful consideration by the authorities" should be given to the question of employing Japanese fishermen cut off from their livelihood.

"It is worth while repeating," says the Sun, "that it depends very much upon the attitude of the Japanese themselves to determine what kind of beds they are going to sleep in during the trying months that are ahead."

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City Churches to Observe Christmas

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The Junior Church will join with the Senior Church in the annual Christmas service next Sunday morning, December 21, at 11:00 o'clock in the Powell United Church. The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered, when some twenty new members will be received into the family of God.

Rev. K. Shimizu, who will be assisted by the student-minister, Mr. Takashi Komiyama, will preach on "The Babe in a Manger."

Beside the congregational singing the music will include:

Solo: "Comfort Ye, My People"—Tatsuo Sanmiya.

Solo: "The New-Born King"—Katherine Shimotakahara.

Anthems by the Choir: "O Holy Night" with Mr. Sanmiya taking the solo part, and "Behold, I Bring You Tidings."

At the Fairview Mission, the parents will join with the Sunday School in a White Christmas service to be held at 10:00 o'clock. Mr. Helen Hurd will be the speaker.

At the Hastings Sunday School, a special Christmas service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Miss Gwen Suttie will tell a story. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

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At the Third Avenue Seikokai, Sir Francis Heathcote, the Archbishop of New Westminster, will officiate at a confirmation service at 3:00 p.m. Nine members of the Junior Church will receive confirmation. All Junior Church members and friends are invited to attend.

The regular Junior Church service and the Sunday School will take place at 10 a.m.

At the morning service at 11 a.m., Rev. G. G. Nakayama will preach on "The Preparation for the Coming of Christ," and at the evening service at 7:30 p.m. on "The Spirit of Christmas."

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23—Seikokai Y.M.A. Roller and Dance Party, 7.30 to 11.30, 10c per person.

25—CHRISTMAS.

JANUARY

1—New Year's.

8—Nisei Red Cross Unit Work Night, Taiiku Hall, 8 p.m.

Gosh—No Social Functions!

JCCL Suspends Musical Concert

Plans for its musical comedy concert, previously scheduled for early next year, were indefinitely suspended by the executive of the Vancouver J. C. C. L. Tuesday.

The chapter will send letters of appreciation, commending the editorials urging tolerance and common sense in the present confict, to the daily papers.

Recommendations in regard to the unemployment situation caused by the war will be submitted to the National executive.

Eiji Yatabe, Yoshimitsu Higashi and K. Shimizu were named as the nominating committee, which will draft the slate of officers to be elected at the next meeting. This, tentatively, will be held as usual on the last Thursday in January.

For this meeting it is hoped to secure as a speaker a member of the government advisory committee on the Japanese question.

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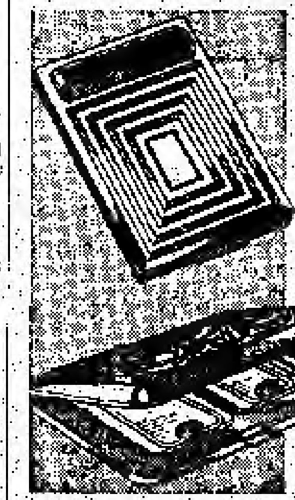

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ow A Union Is Organized

have in past issues of this column discussed the meaning and f collective bargaining. We have concluded that workers must into trade unions of their own choice, free from any control by oyers, to meet these employers as one group, to increase their and to better their living conditions. We have also concluded kers through their collective organization must be an active nt in industry and society. For these two reasons, at least, the tion of trade unions and the prctice of collective bargaining must uraged.

er our analysis of the nature and structure of economic society al groups we are able to state, without fear of contradiction, that fare of working people is almost entirely dependent upon and ned by the strength of their collective organization. Through dium they are able to exert their economic strength in the field try and their political strength in the broader sphere of govern- First, in the field of industrial relations, where working conditions ge rates have not been up to expectations, a medium is provided ng and effective protest; and second, in the political field, where ve policy and administrative action have been unfavourable, their strength can be exerted to remedy such restricting conditions.

s of Organization

he next question that we have to face is the all important matter to form such an organization and how to carry on negotiations, r this purpose, this week in this column we shall begin our dis- n of the methods of collective bargaining.

Our first requirement is, of course, to form an organization. When this in our camp, mill, cannery or factory we must always remember e are organizing ourselves and our own fellow-workers into one d group, and the resulting strength of our organization always de- on the interest and intelligence that we devote to our organization. er words the trade union formed is a part of us and we become a part and we would be in grievous error should we consider the union hing apart and separate from ourselves, to which we pay dues and our troubles. We are forming the organization for the welfare of ves and of our fellow-workers, and as a result we cannot neglect our ing responsibilities without weakening the effectiveness of our col- e activity.

But getting back to more concrete material, in actual organizational there has to be in the beginning some desire on the part of the ers to become organized. This may be felt by one or two men who in their past experience enjoyed the advantages of being organized hey can make it their job to "talk union" around the camp. This of work will be educational in nature to get the other workers ested in the idea of a union. Just as soon as enough men become ested a working committee can be formed, but this will have to be "in the dark" and with due precaution for the boss will be only too to give them their time if he knew who they were.

mittee Can Get Assistance

Once the committee is formed they can get assistance from the n of that industry, for example in logging and lumber from the Inter- onal Woodworkers of America, in fish canning from the Fish Cannery Reduction Plant Workers' Union, who will give their experience and ices in organizing. These unions can send up literature to be passed nd the camp to get the workers acquainted with conditions in other es and with the industry in general.

Just as soon as the desire for organization becomes general and if boss doesn't fire too many of these so-called "red agitators", contact y be made with the union to arrange for a meeting of all the men he camp. The union will send up an organizer who, if he is able to through the boss' cordon, will address the men and get them to e out union membership. Oftentimes in British Columbia the boss h the aid of his stool-pigeons is tipped off as to what is happening ong the men and as soon as the organizer comes around, has him run by the police or has him arrested for trespassing on his private prop- y. This is particularly true in the logging camps and company towns ng this coast.

In our next issue we shall deal with the work of the union organizer hen a "branch" or "local" is about to be formed.

marginal notes

By STAFF WRITER

Language Schools . . . Would that I had the powers of a crystal-gazer so that I could foresee the effects of the closure of the Japanese language schools would have on the future development of the Nisei, the Sansei, their sons, and their sons' sons.

Most people took it for granted that both a speaking, reading and writing knowledge of the language was necessary to the Nisei. A minority opinion held that while a speaking knowledge was indispensable, reading and writing was not essential for the average Nisei though desirable. They called for a change in the policies of the schools to limit their instruction with this in view.

The future of the schools as far I can see, depends on the outcome of the war with Father Time playing the most important role. The longer the war drags on, the fainter will be the chances for a wholesale revival of the schools.

In a nutshell, the main purpose of the language is for Issei-Nisei intercourse. Thus, to put the question in blunt terms, will the Issei be around after the war? Niseis recognize the need for themselves to know Japanese but whether they will force it down the throats of unwilling Sansei children is another question altogether.

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Rare Understanding . . . It happened in a country school. A belligerent youngster up and asked his teacher, "Why don't they kick all the Japs out of the school"? Back came the teacher's quick reply: "There are no 'Japs' in this school. They're Japanese. And they're more Canadian than some of you are."

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To Nisei mothers . . . in whose hands lie the future of Japanese Canadians in Canada. Doing the business rounds, meeting people in the city and in the country, contacting families in all kinds of occupations, I've had the fact indelibly imprinted on my mind that everywhere, in every home, the Nisei are no more progressive, no more active and on the alert than their Issei parents.

In the changing order of things the Nisei mother will inevitably assume a more important role in family life than did their mothers in the Issei homes. They cannot, must not fail in their task of tomorrow.

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One favorite Christmas wish . . . Dear Santa, please, the Christmas Ball. Amen.

A Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir: For some time I have received your paper and have never known whom to thank for same so am extending my thanks to you. I have read many good editorials, articles and letters in it. I have usually, but not always, agreed with your editorials. I wish to congratulate you, however, upon your December 12th issue, which I think was a very good publication issued under what must have been trying conditions.

The present may seem to be the darkest hour for and the greatest challenge to the Niseis, but, on the other hand it will most likely be the greatest opportunity to prove their "Canadianship", and I think there will be enough common sense among both the Canadians and the Japanese Canadians to see that no serious incidents occur, at least in calamitous proportions.

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Rat Menace on Powell St.

Residents Urged to Dispose of Garbage More Carefully

VANCOUVER, — Residents of the Powell Street area should be more careful in disposing of garbage, because the menace of disease bearing rats is parked right down all the back alleys and in the vacant lots of the Japanese quarter, declares City Health Inspector J. A. Stringer

From a preliminary survey of local conditions, the Health Department feels that conditions are just about what could be expected. Garbage disposal in this section is on a level with the downtown area, but not as good as the better residential sections.

The survey is still going on, and it is hoped that residents will take active steps to end this menace to public health.

Chief cause for the breeding of rats is the fact that garbage cans are not in good shape, thus providing food for the nasty little beasts.

Garbage cans, Inspector Stringer declares, should be provided with good tight covers that are left on all the time. They should be fixed so that dogs cannot overturn them, thus spilling their contents. Garbage, moreover, should not be dumped carelessly in vacant lots, and these should be cleaned up since they provide the chief haven for the rodents.

One of two spots in the area, the inspector said, are particularly bad and should be cleaned up immediately before the authorities are forced to take action.

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Fishermen Might Secure Licences If RCMP 'OK' Applications Says Report

(News-Herald)

OTTAWA.—Federal officials intimated Wednesday night that licences of Japanese fishermen operating off Canada's Pacific Coast would be renewed as usual this year, but with elaborate safeguards.

Each applicant for licence renewal, it was said, will be investigate by the R.C.M.P., and this application will not be granted until police signify their approval.

All those who are able to pass the R.C.M.P. scrutiny, however, will be able to carry on as usual.

If the proposal made in the report is put into effect, it is generally conceded in British Columbia that the police "scrutiny" will be a most rigorous one.

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Boats Sunk

Mishandling of many immobilized fishing boats, and the actual sinking of at least two Steveston-owned craft has been reported from Steveston. These were sunk in collisions, caused by ramming which occured in the general round-up of boats, and can be seen resting on the bottom at Steveston, reports say.

Although they co-operated **willingly in tieing up their boats, fishermen have been angered by this careless handling.**

Minor instances of extensive damage to engines and craft alike, as well as a refusal of authorities to allow the owners to have access to the boats so that they might be bailed out regularly, has caused ill-feeling.

Surrey Meet Again Called For Sunday

By MITZI

Fellow Niseis, in the previous issue of The New Canadian an item was inserted to the effect that all meetings and gatherings would be temporarily cancelled.

Since then, Mr. McWilliams has informed me that he went to the headquarters of the authorities and received the information to continue meetings by all means.

Therefore our meeting for the Second Generation Assimilation Discussion Study Group will convene as scheduled on the 21st of December at 8 p.m. All those who are interested are cordially invited.

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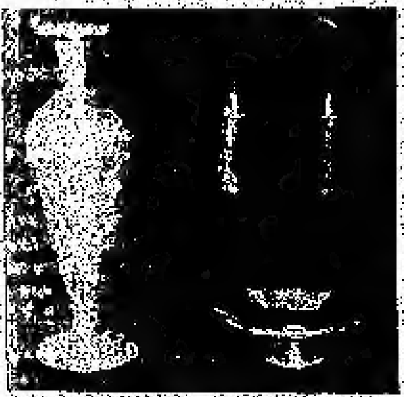

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Should Have Been Made Citizens

Review Editor States Case For Nisei

A remarkable defence of the second generation Japanese in Canada is contained in an editorial in the last issue of the Marpole-Richmond Review, published weekly in Eburne, B.C.

It is a forthright stand, that presents the view of many Nisei in a manner difficult for us to do so ourselves.

Declares the "Review" Editor:

"We believe the mistake of not granting citizenship to these young Canadian-born Japanese is now becoming apparent."

Other native sons of foreign parents in Canada have been required to swear allegiance to the British sovereign and have been granted citizenship in return for such oath of loyalty. This privilege has been denied the Canadian-born Japanese. He remains, therefore, a man without a country. He knows nothing of Japan, having never been there, and it is stated that few if any who have been schooled and reared in this country have any desire to live in Japan, especially if they are taken back for a visit to that quite different country.

Many of the second generation here have expressed their desire to become Canadians. Many have offered themselves as recruits to army or navy, and have been flatly turned down.

If given the opportunity of citizenship they would at least be afforded a chance to show their colors. They would then be eligible for enlistment, and would feel that at least they had a country for which to fight. Now they are neither Canadians or Japanese?

And in such a situation what inducement is there for loyalty on their part to Canada?

If Canada will not let them belong, then is it not only natural that they should turn back to the mother country as the only land which will give them citizenship?

Our Canadian constitution, as we have often said before, gives to every Canadian-born child the right to be a Canadian citizen. It is only by some quirk in our British Columbia constitution that these young men whose parents came from Japan are excluded from the same privileges which are allowed the Germans, the Italians, the negroes and any other color or extraction. Is it not natural that the Japanese should resent this discrimination?

Intermediate All-Stars Edge Maikawa

Turkey Draw Provides Many Xmas Gifts

The popular Nippons of the Community Cage loop may not be faring so well in their league, but down here inour little community they're the tops. Wednesday night, before a large crowd of expectant turkey winners, the reps upset the amalgamated Maikawa - Marpole squad 27-23.

The smooth passing intermediates turned red hot in the second quarter, outscoring Maikawa's 16 to 3, enjoying a fat 22-5 lead.

Hand it to Maikawa's for their rallying power displayed in the second half. Led by Jinx Miike and Yuki Uno, the seniors rallied to within 2 baskets before the timekeeper cut short their comeback.

Maikawa—Uno 4; Kaz Suga 2; Wakabayashi; Yanagisawa; Suga 2; J. Miike 11; Shinoda; Hori—23.

Nippons—Miyazaki 4; Toyama 6; S. Miike 5; Fukumoto 2; Hashimoto 5; Tsukamoto 2; Uyeno; Maikawa 3; Natsuhara—27.

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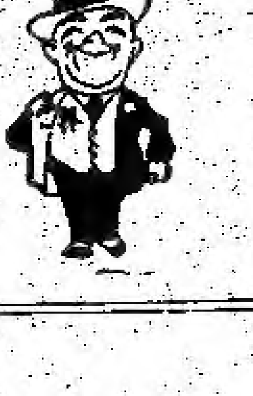

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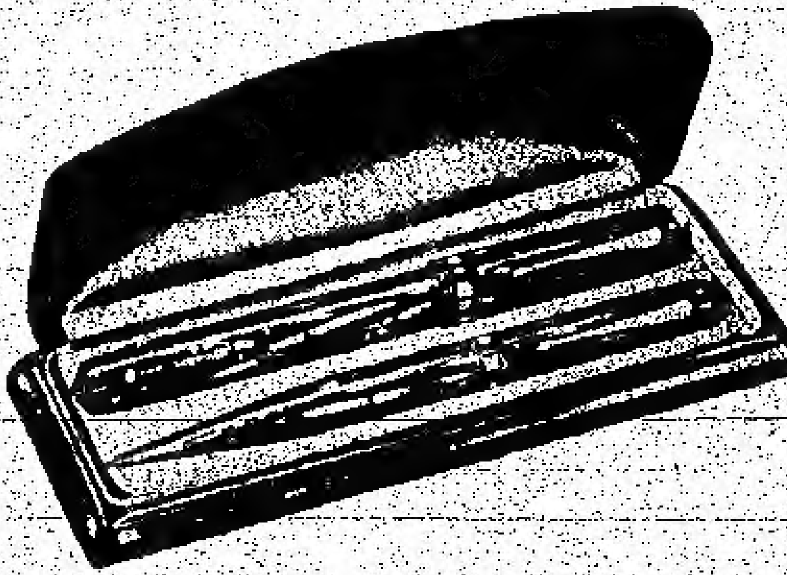

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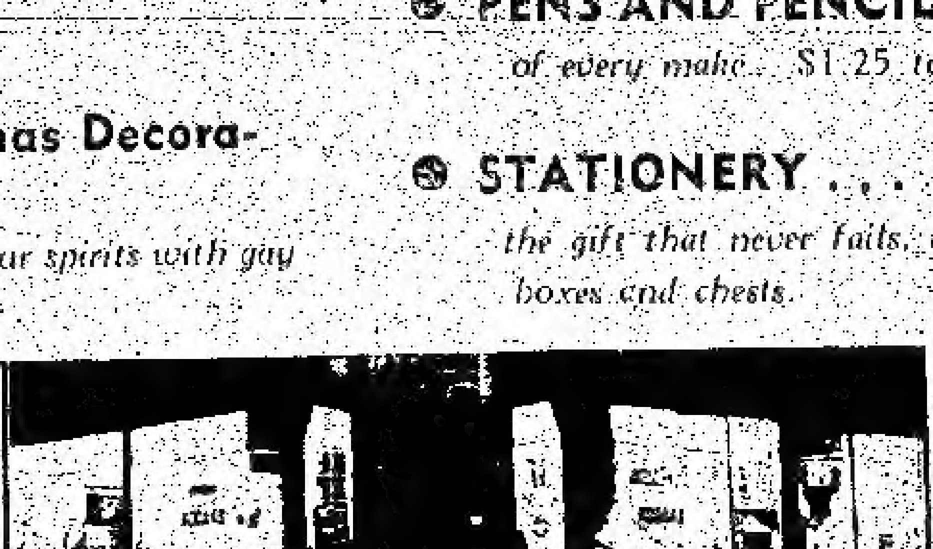

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Tigers Tackle Redwings In Semi Sunday

Playmakers Absent

Nippons Shooting Off---Trounced by Y

Local reps in the Community Cage loop forgot to strap on their shooting irons last night for their game with Y.M.C.A. The unhappy result was, the boys from 'Y' trounced the Nippons 39-27.

Nippons, handicapped seriously with the absence of playmaker Toru Tokawa and Sakai Tsukamoto, kept pace with their taller opponents in the first stanza, but their defence cracked and the Y. M. lads took a hefty lead. From here in they widened the breach until the final whistle climaxed the scoring at 39-27.

Sub Miike led the locals with 7 points. Toki Toyama and Mush Fukumoto also played good games.

Tuesday, December 23, Nippons meet West Vancouver at 7:30 p.m.

Nippons—Fukumoto 5; Toyama 6; Miyazaki 2; Miike 7; Yamabe 4; Maikawa; Hashimoto—24.

Score by Quarters—

Y.M.C.A.	4	17	29	39
Nippons	4	10	22	24

Soccer fans, take a big breath and relax. 'Feetball' troubles are over again and everything is ship-shape for the sudden-death semi-final match between Cambie Tigers and Kitsilano Redwings this Sunday.

The squabblers, nonetheless sincere sports-minded gents, held a lively discussion at the emergency meeting last night, and for all concerned, it terminated with everything smoothed out satisfactorily.

The semi-final will thus be played at Powell Grounds this Sunday, December 21, at 10:30 a.m. The best out of three finals begin January 11.

Bowling Schedule

The Men's 5-Pin Bowling continues per usual this Monday. The complete schedule is listed below. Bowlers who cannot bowl Monday are asked to play off their game, with somebody present witnessing, tomorrow night.

Anyone still desiring to bowl for a team are asked to turn out tomorrow night, also Asahi bowlers that did not bowl last Monday. The handicaps must be affixed by Monday.

Alleys
15-16—Asahis vs. Yanagisawa.
17-18—Isoshima vs. Team No. 9.
19-20—Kondo vs. Nishimura.
21-22—Team No. 10 vs. Fujimoto.
23-24—Kutsukake vs. Tanaka Bros.

On behalf of the league, league Director Mi Akiyama wishes to express his thanks to those who co-operated in the recent Turkey Draw. Especially to those out-of-town supporters.

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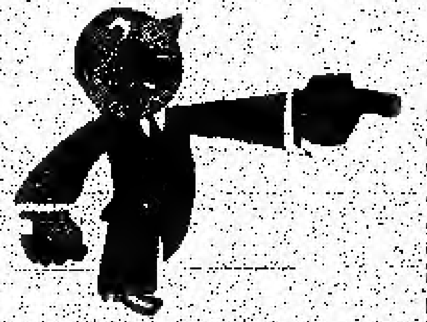
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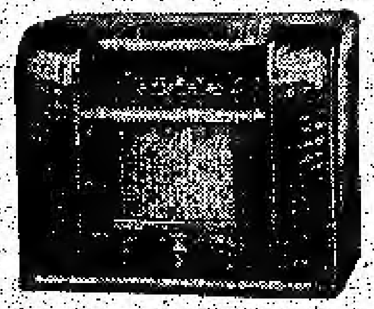
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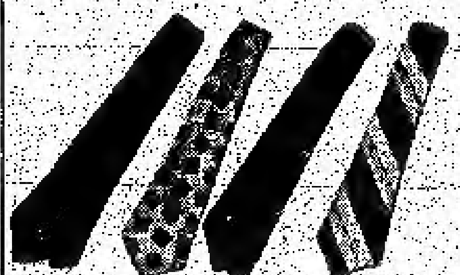
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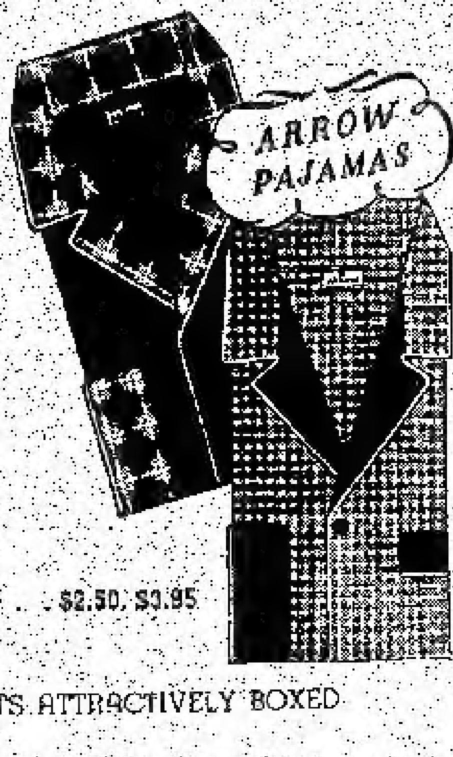

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